



Newsletter Friday 11th September 2026

Headteacher News

What a fantastic week it has been at Loose!

It has been wonderful to see the children really getting into the rhythm of the school year, with so much enthusiasm for their learning and plenty of smiles around the school. There is a real sense that the children are becoming increasingly confident in their routines, and it has been lovely to see them embracing all that school has to offer.

A Huge Well Done to Year 6

A particular well done to all of our Year 6 children this week. While Thursday was an important day for those children sitting the Kent Test, I want to recognise the whole year group for the way they conducted themselves throughout the week.

They have been fantastic role models for the younger children, showing compassion and determination at a time when some of them were understandably feeling nervous.

What impressed me most was the way so many children looked beyond themselves — encouraging friends, showing kindness and helping others through what could have been a daunting experience.

This is exactly the character we want to see at Loose. Success is not simply about what we achieve; it is also about how we conduct ourselves and how we help others.

A huge well done, Year 6. You should be very proud of yourselves.

Celebrating Our Children

It was a real pleasure to enjoy my first Celebration Assembly this week.

A huge congratulations to all of our Excellence Award winners and Hot Chocolate recipients. It was particularly lovely to see so many children recognised for being great role models.

These awards are about much more than achievement. They recognise the children who demonstrate the qualities we value at Loose — kindness, responsibility, determination, resilience and consideration for others.

Seeing so many children celebrated in this way was a wonderful reminder of the positive contribution our children make to school every day.

Knowing Our Children

Mrs Ballard, Mrs Malhotra and I have met with all of our teachers this week to review each class profile. These conversations have given us an opportunity to develop an even deeper understanding of the children in every class, including their strengths, needs and the ways in which we can further enhance their learning.

This work leads directly into our professional development next week, when we will be developing staff knowledge around Responsive Teaching.

At its heart, Responsive Teaching is about knowing our children and responding to what they show us. Teachers continually check where children are in their learning and adapt their teaching, support and challenge accordingly.

The aim is simple: to make sure our provision meets children where they are and helps unlock their potential.

Exceptional Behaviour and Culture

Next week, I am looking forward to visiting all of our classes to identify where behaviour is already a real strength and where there are opportunities for further growth.

Behaviour is the foundation for so much great learning, which is why Exceptional Behaviour and Culture is one of our three key priorities this year.

We are building on many existing strengths, while working towards greater consistency and exceptionally high expectations across every part of school. This will take time, but it is something we feel passionately about because we know the difference an exceptional culture can make to children's learning and experience of school.

Working with Our PTA

We are really looking forward to meeting with our PTA next week.

Our PTA plays a crucial role in our school community. Their events don't just bring our Loose family together — the money raised is invested back into the school, helping us to continue developing and enhancing the opportunities and provision we can offer our children.

We are already beginning to shape some exciting ideas for future projects, and I am looking forward to sharing more with you as these develop.

Watch this space!

Looking Ahead

Next Wednesday, we will be carrying out an announced fire drill. The children will be made aware beforehand so that we can focus on practising the routines and procedures for leaving the school safely.

Finally, I have really enjoyed spending time getting to know more of our children, staff and families over the past few days. Every conversation, classroom visit and opportunity to see school life in action is helping me to understand Loose more deeply — what makes our school special, where our strengths lie and where we can continue to grow. I am learning a great deal from the people who know our school best, and I am really looking forward to working together to build on everything that is already wonderful about Loose.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Childs



Diary Dates

Term 1

16/09 - PTA AGM - more info to follow

22/09 - Flu Immunisations

23/09 Year R & 6 Height & Weight checks

25/09 PTA Quiz Night - more info to follow

28 & 29/09 Road Safety Talks for Years 3 & 4

01/10 Early Years Phonics Workshop - more info to follow

02/10 PTA KS2 Disco

06/10 Year 4 to Kent Life

06/10 Year 6 Residential Meeting with parent 5.30-6.00pm

07/10 Fizz Photography in to do class & individual photos for Years R, 1 & 2

07/10 Fizz Photography doing a parent drop in sessions Brook Hall 7.30am to 8.30am for sibling/family photos

08/10 Fizz Photography in to do class & individual photos for Years 3, 5 & 6 (Y6 done in June)

08/10 Year R Biscuit Bake Off

13/10 - Open Classrooms - more info nearer the time

14/10 Harvest Church Services at All Saints Church Loose

15/10 Kent Test Results to parents from 4pm

15/10 Last day of term

16/10 Staff Training Day no children in school - children due back 02/11/26



Ethic of Excellence

Well done to the children that received a certificate of excellence this week. Your teachers are very proud of you.

Diamond Class - Jack A

Moonstone Class - Delilah C

Sapphire Class - Eva Maria I

Aquamarine Class - Jay V

Turquoise Class - Chris W

Tanzanite Class - Joshua T

Amber Class - Robyn H

Coral Class - George L

Jade Class - Savannah S

Emerald Class - Sophia W

Ruby Class - Henry H

Onyx Class - Sienna-Rae S

Amethyst Class - Elise R

Topaz Class - Logan H

Sunstone Class - Eloise C

Peridot Class - Lydia L

Quartz Class - William W

Zultanite Class - Henry A



Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to the children who were nominated by their teachers for Hot Chocolate Friday this week.

Diamond Class - Charlotte B

Sapphire Class - Zoe D

Moonstone Class - Emma B

Tanzanite Class - Nyra P

Aquamarine Class - Violet B

Turquoise Class - Freddie I

Coral Class - Darcey S

Amber Class - Zara S

Jade Class - Daniel R

Emerald Class - Grace K

Onyx Class - Lenny M

Ruby Class - Clemence L

Topaz Class - Matilda P

Sunstone Class - Jacob H

Amethyst Class - Tilly-Rose A

Peridot Class - Scott B

Zultanite Class - Stanley T

Quartz Class - Harrison H



Secondary Admissions

For children starting year 7 in September 2027 applications opened on Monday 1 September and close on Monday 2 November 2026.

You can apply for up to 4 schools:

- Put the schools in your order of preference.
- It's in your best interest to list 4 schools.
- Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give priority for a place over another child.
- You are not able to name the same school more than once.

To apply for a school outside of Kent, name the school in your application with your other preferences. Your application details will be passed on to the relevant local authority for processing.

To help you choose the schools to add to your application:

- read our advice about [choosing a school](#)
- find information about open days from the school's website or [contact the school](#)
- read our [guide to secondary admissions for 2027 \(PDF, 1.4 MB\)](#)

Apply

To apply for a year 7 place, complete our online application form.

<https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>

If you provide an email address on your application, we will email you on Monday 1 March 2027 to tell you which school you have been offered or view your offer online.

Important dates to know

Important dates to note for primary and secondary school applications for the 2027 entry.

What happens	Primary school applications	Secondary school applications
School application deadline day	15 January 2027	2 November 2026
National Offer Day	16 April 2027	1 March 2027
Deadline to let the school know whether you accept or refuse the place	30 April 2027	15 March 2027
Waiting list deadline	30 April 2027	15 March 2027

Earrings

Pupils may wear small plain stud earrings if they have recently had their ears pierced but ideally earrings should not be worn for PE lessons or swimming.

Pupils should remove earrings themselves before PE lessons and place in a named container. Younger children may struggle to remove and replace earrings themselves. In this case, it is advisable for them **not to wear earrings on 'PE days'**.

Covering earrings with plasters/ micropore tape provides an element of safety but it isn't the safest option. Plasters and tape can fall off still leaving a risk of injury. An exception can be made in the case of recent piercings that have not yet healed in order to avoid long periods of non-participation in PE.

If children need to tape their earrings for a short period while ears are healing then please contact the school office to have the relevant consent to be added to your Arbor App. **Children will not be allowed to have their earrings taped without this being completed.**

Once the consent has been completed please advise the school office. Parents should then provide plasters/ micropore for children to keep in their bags for use until the healing process is complete. After this, earrings must be removed before PE by the pupil.



Shout Outs

Well done to Misnath in Turquoise Class who was awarded a medal when playing for Linton Park Cricket Club in the Under-9 team. Congratulations Misnath!



PTA Newsletter

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

 **AGM – Wednesday 16th September, 5.15pm**

At Loose Primary School

Join us for our **Annual General Meeting**, where we'll look back at what the PTA has achieved over the past year, hear about how funds have been raised and spent, and share our plans and ideas for the year ahead.

It's also a great opportunity to find out more about how the PTA supports the school and how you can get involved — whether you have lots of time to give or can only help occasionally.

Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see you there!

ADULTS-ONLY BINGO NIGHT

Friday 25th September

One for the adults! 🍷🍷🕒

Come along for an evening to **let your hair down, meet some of the new class parents and have a bit of fun away from the school run!**

Whether you're a bingo pro or have never played before, everyone is welcome.

More information coming next week — keep an eye out! 👁️👁️

KS2 DISCO – Friday 2nd October

Get ready to dance! 🕺💃

Years 3 & 4: 3.30pm–5.00pm

Years 5 & 6: 5.30pm–7.00pm

More information will be shared nearer the time.

If you're available to **volunteer at this event**, we'd love your help!

 volunteers@loosepta.co.uk

CHRISTMAS DESIGN SHEETS – Wednesday 14th October

It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas! 🎅🌟

On **Wednesday 14th October**, Christmas design sheets will be sent home for children to create their own **magical artwork**.

Their designs can then be turned into some very special **Christmas cards and gifts for family and friends**, just in time for Christmas.

We absolutely love seeing the children's creativity shine through with these!

CHRISTMAS LASER SHOW & FAIR

Friday 27th November

After the excitement of our **Laser Light Show last year**, and the disappointment of not having a Christmas Fair this year, we've decided to **combine the two!**

 **Our Christmas Laser Show & Fair is coming!** 

We're planning an evening packed with festive fun, and it's going to be an event you **really won't want to miss!**

There will be more details to follow nearer the time, but for now...

★ **SAVE THE DATE!** ★

Friday 27th November

 **ELFRIDGES IS BACK!**

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th December

Our much-loved **Elfridges** is returning! 

This is always such a special part of the school year, giving the children the opportunity to choose and buy gifts for the important people in their lives — all by themselves!

We'll need lots of wonderful volunteers to help make the magic happen.

If you're able to help on:

Thursday 3rd December – afternoon

Friday 4th December – morning or afternoon

please email:

 volunteers@loosepta.co.uk

 **GET INVOLVED**

The PTA is powered by our amazing school community, and **you don't have to be a regular volunteer to make a difference.**

Whether you can spare an hour at an event, bake a cake, donate something, help behind the scenes or simply come along and support an event — **we'd love to have you involved.** Email us at contact@loosepta.co.uk

Here's to another fantastic year at Loose Primary! 🍌

Loose Primary School PTA

Bringing our school community together & creating memories for our children. ❤️



SEN Information

 Maidstone Family Hubs Timetable 14th September 2026 - 23rd October 2026 All of our groups and services are free. For groups requiring booking at all Hubs, see our web site https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub				Our Family Hubs: South Borough 03000 417770 Magdalen Close, Maidstone, ME15 5TL Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm Southborough@kent.gov.uk Infozone 03000 418470 Palace Avenue, Maidstone, ME15 5EF Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm Infozonefamilyhub@kent.gov.uk	
Monday	South Borough Young Parents 11.30-1.30	South Borough Stepping Up 4.00-5.30 7-11 years	Infozone Understanding Your Child Parents of Adolescents 4.30-6.00		
Tuesday	South Borough Stay & Play 9.30-11.00	South Borough Baby Massage 1.30-2.30 2-6 months	South Borough Introducing Solids 1.30-2.30 1st Tuesday of the month	Infozone Time to Shine Seniors 4.30-6.30 11-19 years	Infozone Strengthening Family Relationships 10.00-12.00
Wednesday	Virtual Online Safety for Parents 10.00-11.00	Infozone Baby Group 10.00-11.00 Pre-walking 0-12 months	Infozone NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 1.00-3.00	South Borough Time to Shine Juniors 4.00-5.30 7-11 years	Infozone Compass (11-19) 4.30-6.30 11+ years
Thursday	South Borough Talking Walk Ins 9.30-11.30 2nd Thur of the month	South Borough Health Visitor Clinic 1.30-3.30	South Borough Time to Shine Juniors 4.00-5.30 7-11 years	Infozone Youth Peer Mentoring 4.30-6.00 14-19 years	
Friday	South Borough NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 9.30-11.30	Infozone Baby Massage 10.00-11.00 2-6 months			

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts. www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Information

Time to Shine Seniors Small, supportive groups for children 12+ with neurodiverse needs to build confidence and social skills through fun activities.	Compass (11-19) A 10 session course helping children 11+ manage emotions and develop skills to cope with life's challenges. <i>Referral only</i> info@kentfamilyhub@kent.gov.uk	Youth Peer Mentoring Confidence Building, face-to-face training, learn new skills for life. 14-19 years Please contact info@kentfamilyhub@kent.gov.uk Volunteer with Family Hub - Kent County Council	@Maidstonefamilyhubs @Maidstonefamilyhubs @Maidstonefamilyhubs151515	
Young Parents For parents and parents-to-be up to the age of 25, and a great way to meet other families and build friendships in a fun, educational and stimulating environment to explore and play.	Introducing Solids A workshop run by the Health Visiting team to guide you through the weaning journey. Book when baby is 4-6 months. Parkwood & Southborough Please note we hold 2 workshops a month. Booking required family.hubs@kent.gov.uk	Stepping Up A 6-week programme for 7-11 year olds to boost confidence, manage emotions and make friends. To express an interest please email southborough@kent.gov.uk	Understanding Your Child - Parents of Adolescents For parent/careers that would like to know more about sensitive and effective parenting. For parents with children aged 11+. Exploring positive relationships, adolescent brain development, emotional containment, behaviour, as communication and more.	
Baby Group A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are 0-12 months pre-walking. Please note we hold 2 Baby Groups a week. Greenfields & Westborough	Time to Shine Juniors Small, supportive groups for children aged 9-11 years with SEND to build confidence and social skills through fun activities. Booking required southborough@kent.gov.uk	Virtual Online Safety 6 sessions for parents on supporting children to stay safe online and using technology responsibly. Booking required southborough@kent.gov.uk	Strengthening Family Relationships A Workshop to help parents reduce conflict and build positive family relationships. Tue 22 and 29 September. Referral only info@kentfamilyhub@kent.gov.uk	
Healthy Start Vitamins Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins? Find out more at https://www.healthystart.gov.uk/	Free Early Education Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week. For more information or to book to apply	Useful Contact Numbers: Health Visiting Team 0300 013 2204	Please Note: For health and safety reasons there are room capacity limits in place.	For more information about opening times, give your local Hub a call
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Our Family Hubs:

Parkwood 03000 412700 Fairfield Close, Maidstone, ME15 9JR Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm Parkwood@kent.gov.uk	Greenfields 03000 412987 Redford Way, Maidstone, ME15 8DR Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm Greenfields@kent.gov.uk	West Borough 03000 415081 Greenway, Maidstone, ME15 8TL Mon & Tue 9.30am - 4.30pm Wed 9.30am - 12.30pm Closed Friday WestBorough@kent.gov.uk
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	Parkwood	Greenfields	West Borough	Parkwood
Monday	Parkwood Health Visitor & NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 9.30-11.30	Greenfields Stay & Play 9.30-11.00	West Borough Little Bookworms 10.00-11.30 1-4 years	Parkwood Introducing Solids 1.30-2.30 Last Monday of the month
Tuesday	West Borough Health Visitor Clinic 9.30-11.30	Greenfields Baby Group 10.30-11.30 0-12 months pre-walking	Parkwood Little Talkers 10.00-11.00	West Borough NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 1.00-3.00
Wednesday	Parkwood Baby Massage 10.00-11.00 2-6 months	West Borough Baby, Family & You 10.00-12.00	West Borough Closed From 12pm	
Thursday	West Borough Stay & Play 10.00-11.30	Greenfields Understanding Your Child 10.00-12.00	Parkwood Stay & Play 1.00-2.30	
Friday	Greenfields Twins Group 9.30-11.30 2 nd & 4 th Fri of the month	Greenfields Talking Walk Ins 9.30-12.00 1 st & 3 rd Fri of the month	West Borough Closed All Day	

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Maidstone Food Resources



Family Hubs:
(For families with children under 18 only or young people in supported accomodation)

Infozone, Palace Avenue, ME15 6NF Tel: 03000 419470 Email: Infozonefamilyhub@kent.gov.uk	South Borough, Stagshaw Close, ME15 6TL Tel: 03000 417770 Email: Southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk
West Borough, Greenway, ME16 8TL Tel: 03000 419361 Email: Westboroughfh@kent.gov.uk	Parkwood, Furfield Close, ME15 9JR Tel: 03000 412700 Email: Parkwoodfh@kent.gov.uk
Greenfields, Rutland Way, ME15 8DR Tel: 03000 412987 Email: Greenfieldsfh@kent.gov.uk	

Please contact the hub beforehand if possible.

Other Providers:

MADM
48 Church Street, Maidstone,
ME14 1DS
Tel: 01622 687414
Email: madmstone@gmail.com

Salvation Army (Food Bank)
74-80 Union St, Maidstone,
ME14 1ED
Wednesdays 11am - 3pm
Tel: 07724 473796

The Vine (Food Bank)
Northumberland Road, Maidstone, ME15 7LP
Tel: 07724 473796

Staff can be reached on the food bank number above. If not available someone can leave a message and a team member will get back to them to arrange a time for the food to be collected.

Fusion: Community Table - A Menu For Change
Fusion Healthy Living Centre, 2-3 Cobb Way, Maidstone ME15 9XF
Friday
Tel (To Apply): 01622 691177

30 people can get a hot meal in a local restaurant (or takeaway for those who lack mobility) for free.

How to Join:

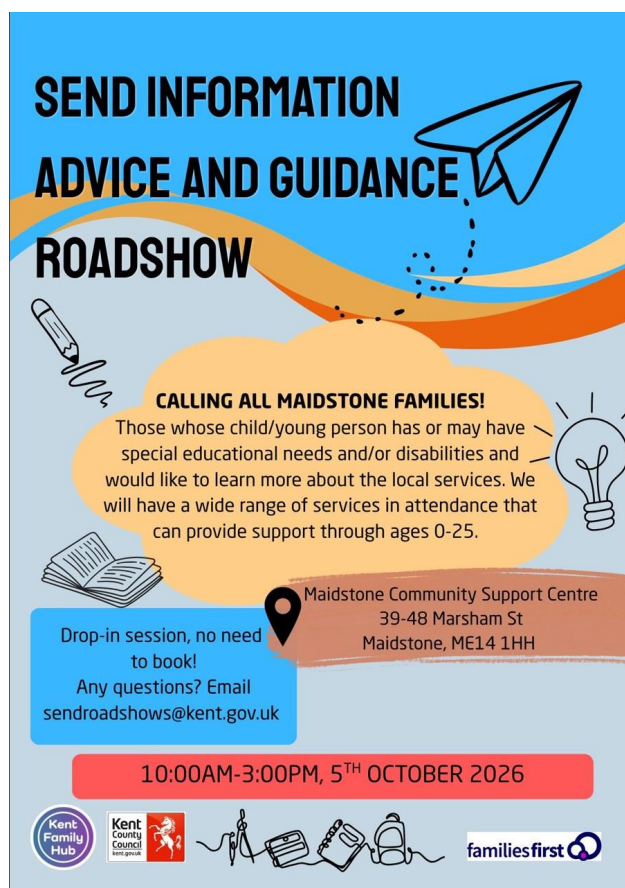
- Apply to the Community Table waiting list.
- List is reviewed every 3 months.

Maidstone Day Centre (Support Homeless People)
Knightrider Street, Maidstone, ME16 6LP
Tel: 01622 674064

The Bread and Butter Thing

£35 worth of food for £8.50, including fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.

Shepway Shepway Youth and Community Cewntre, Cumberland Avenue, Maidstone, ME15 7JN Thursday 1pm Sign Up and Book a Slot: Text 0750 723 7311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from:	Park Wood Fusion Healthy Living Centre, 2-3 Cobb Way, Maidstone ME15 9XF Wednesday 2pm Sign Up and Book a Slot: Text 0750 723 7311 with you full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: 'PARK WOOD'	Trinity Trinity House, 20 Church Street, Maidstone, ME14 1LY Tuesday 1pm Sign Up and Book a Slot: Text 0750 723 7311 with you full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: 'TRINITY'	The Blackthorn Trust Andrew's Road, Maidstone, ME16 9AN Monday 12:30pm Sign Up and Book a Slot: Text 0750 723 7311 with you full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: 'BLACKTHORN'
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Community News

ART SHOW 2026

The Art Show welcomes all to come along, see inspiring local art, and meet the artists.

Here's everything you need to know:

***Open Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October**

10 am to 5 pm

***Church Street Chapel Loose ME15 0BT**

***Original artwork, photography, prints and cards available to purchase**

***Entry is FREE**

This year we have invited Loose Primary School to display artwork reflecting their observations of Loose Valley. We hope this encourages pupils to explore their creativity, and wider community participation.

About the Loose Collective: Loose Collective is a group of artists who have come together to support one another and raise the profile of art within our community.

We are fortunate to have at our disposal the unique landscape and waterways of Loose and its surrounding villages, woodland and countryside. These provide endless inspiration for our diverse range of disciplines and creative practices.

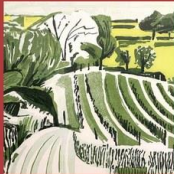
Our aim is to present a free annual exhibition for the community to enjoy whilst also expanding our own personal artistic development. Each year we aim to invite guest artists to join the exhibition to enrich and add variety to the show. Nigel Davison is our guest artist for the 2026 exhibition - Nigel is a printmaker.

LOOSE COLLECTIVE



ART SHOW

CHURCH STREET CHAPEL LOOSE ME15 0BT
Sat 3 - Sun 4 October 2026
10am - 5pm



www.loose-collective.org

Correct Contact Details

extended.services@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email address for **ALL** extended services bookings/queries/requests etc. Please **do not email the office with these**.

absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email for all absence related matters including illness and hospital appointments and holiday notifications.

office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - use this for all other emails and urgent matters

loosenursery@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use for ALL nursery queries.

Phone Number 01622 743549

